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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 8 as follows:

-- 8. A method of minimizing oil of fat accumulation as body fat comprising ingesting an oil or fat composition at least 85% by mass of which are triglycerides wherein the ratio of medium-chain fatty acids in all the fatty acids as constituents of the oil or fat composition is 5 to 23% by mass, the ratio of triglycerides having two medium-chain fatty acid residues in the molecule in all the triglycerides is 1 to 20% by mass, and the ratio of long-chain saturated fatty acids in all the long-chain fatty acids [comprising] as constituents of the oil or fat composition is 20% by mass or less.

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